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Planning and Development Committee Room 2100, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106

Support for SB-963: An Act Concerning the Expiration of Approvals for On-site Sewage Disposal Systems with Design Flows of Less Than Five Thousand Gallons per Day

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

My name is Frank C. DeFelice, and I am a Planning & Zoning Commissioner and Certified Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commissioner in the Town of Durham, Connecticut. I am writing **in support** of Raised SB-963: An Act Concerning the Expiration of Approvals for On-site Sewage Disposal Systems with Design Flows of Less Than Five Thousand Gallons per Day.

This bill would extend Health Department approvals for on-site septic systems from their present 5-year period; so that they would align with the recently passed extensions for Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetland & Watercourse agency approvals (PA 11-5 & PA 12-151). This extension would greatly assist land owners and home builders who have obtained Health Department approvals for an on-site septic system; but have not been able to justify starting construction due to the downturn in our state's economy and housing market. Your support of this bill will help preserve jobs in our state's fragile construction industry; until economic conditions improve.

I respectfully request that you support SB-963.

Sincerely,

Frank C. DeFelice